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Borough of Aldeburgh



Annual Report
OF THE
Medical Officer of Health
FOR THE YEAR

1969



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The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Aldeburgh

Mr. Mayor,
Aldermen, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1969. This report is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health and follow the pattern of previous years.

I would like to thank the Council and Officers for their help and Co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

C.H. IMRIE

Medical Officer of Health.

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C.H. IMRIE, T.D., M.B.,
Ch.B., D.P.H.

P u b l i c H e a l t h I n s p e c t o r s

J.A. THOMPSON, M.Inst. H.E.
M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,
(left the service of the Council
10th July, 1969)

R.L. MORRIS.

GENERAL STATISTICS 1969

Area of Borough 2,679 acres
 Rateable Value £128,148
 Product of ld rate £508

	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965
Population	3200	3180	3100	3070	3060
Birth rate per 1,000 population	12.2 (39)	10.7 (34)	12.6 (39)	11.4 (35)	13.4 (41)
Still birth rate per 1,000 population	-	-	-	32 (1)	-
Death Rate per 1,000 population	15.3 (49)	15.4 (49)	17.1 (53)	21.8 (67)	15.03 (46)
Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 population	26 (1)	-	-	28.5 (1)	24.3 (1)

Figures in brackets are the
actual number of births and deaths.

The very gradual increase in the population of the Borough continued during the year and in mid 1969 was reported by the Register General to be 3,200.

Births and Deaths

<u>Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	19	18	37
Illegitimate		2	2
	19	20	39

Still Births

Legitimate)
Illegitimate) Nil

<u>All Deaths</u>	17	32	49
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<u>Infantile Deaths</u>	1	-	1
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Deaths associated
with childbirth

-	-	-
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The number of live births was very much in line with previous years and represents a normal increase in the population. The absence of still births is a matter for satisfaction. This is the third successive year without still births.

Deaths numbered 49 which is again very similar to previous years.

Comparability (Standard rate = Crude rate x Comparability Factor)

Standard Birth Rate - Aldeburgh per 1,000 population	...	...	15.0
England and Wales per 1,000 population	...	...	16.3
Standard Death Rate - Aldeburgh per 1,000 population		...	8.6
England and Wales per 1,000 population	...	...	11.9

Both Births and Deaths rates, when standardised for comparison with other areas and England and Wales as a whole are satisfactory.

The figures relating to deaths show a picture which is very similar to that of previous years and is more or less parallel to the figures for other areas.

It will be noted that female deaths in 1969 outnumbered the male by approximately two to one. This female preponderance of course is reflected in the breakdown by causes and this should be allowed for when examining the figurers.

Heart disease in its various forms is the most prevalent group of causes of death while the next in magnitude is the group of malignant diseases followed by diseases of the lungs and circulatory system. The actual breakdown into individual types of diseases is shown in the table. There were no deaths recorded during the year associated with childbirth or pregnancy and there were no accidental deaths.

CAUSES OF DEATH

Code No:	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
B18	Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	-	1
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	2	3
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	-	1
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1	1
B19(8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus		1	1
B19(9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1		1
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	4	4
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	4	10	14
B29	Other forms of Heart Disease	1	2	3
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	-	4	4
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	1	3
B32	Pneumonia	2	3	5
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	2	3
B33(2)	Asthma	1	-	1
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	2	2
B39	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1		1
BE50	All other external Causes	1		1
		17	32	49

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The only case of notifiable diseases which was reported during the year was one of Tuberculosis. This concerned a female of 48 years who had a Tuberculosis infection of the lung.

IMMUNISATION

The following details of immunisations carried out in the Borough were supplied by the County Medical Officer.

	<u>Primary Courses</u>	<u>Booster Dose or Revaccination</u>
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	11	20
Diphtheria/Tetanus.	-	29
Tetanus	20	29
Salk Poliomyelitis	1	-
Sabin Poliomyelitis	12	47
Measles	4	-
Smallpox	17	-

The incidence of the minor infections and of certain of the more serious diseases is gradually falling. This is due to a combination of factors, better housing and general environmental conditions and healthier life in general but also in no small measures to the immunisation measures which have been taken since the war. The scope of these procedures is gradually increasing and more and more infections are being brought under control.

HOUSING

The following statistics relate to the year 1969:-

No. of Council Houses completed during the year	...	...	Nil
No. of Council Houses occupied at 31/3/69	...	...	185
No. of Private Houses completed during the year	...	...	9
Total number of units of accommodation with the Borough	...	...	1377
No. of houses inspected in 1969	...	...	10
No. of unsatisfactory houses	...	...	4
No. rendered fit by informal action	...	...	4
Abatement notices served	...	...	Nil
No. of demolition orders secured	...	...	Nil
No. of Improvement Grants - Discretionary	...	...	4
No. of Improvement Grants - Standard	...	...	2

The supervision of the housing conditions in the Borough was carried on during the year and wherever necessary action taken to secure conformity with legal requirements.

In general, conditions in the town are satisfactory although there are some areas, particularly in the more central parts of the town where the property is older and more cramped for space. In some of these natural lighting and ventilation prove more difficult and this type of property requires regular supervision.

The holiday caravan site, which over the years has become a feature of Aldeburgh, has continued to be maintained in a satisfactory condition, and due regard is paid to the amenities.

WATER SUPPLY

During 1969 the water supply to the town maintained an adequate standard.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER

Sample taken from	...	...	...	...	...	Well - Aldeburgh Water Supply
Date received	...	...	...	...	...	8th August, 1969
Appearance	...	...	...	...	...	Clear
Nature of Deposit	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Colour	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Taste	...	...	...	...	...	Satisfactory
Reaction	...	...	...	...	...	Neutral - pH 7.3

RESULTS OF CHEMICAL ANALYSIS IN PARTS PER MILLION

Ammoniacal nitrogen	...	...	Less than	0.01
Albuminoid nitrogen	...	...	...	0.02
Nitrate nitrogen	...	...	...	9.0
Nitrite nitrogen	...	...	...	Nil
Chloride as Cl.	...	...	...	255
Permanganate Value	...	...	...	0.16
Hardness as CaCO_3				
Total	...	...	...	390
Carbonate (temporary)	...	...	...	160
Non-carbonate (permanent)	...	...	...	230
Alkalinity as CaCO_3	...	...	...	160
Free carbon dioxide	...	...	...	20
Total solids (at 180°C)	...	...	...	930
Iron (total)	...	...	...	0.05
Metals in solution	...	...	...	Nil

OPINION

This water is of very good organic quality and there is no chemical evidence of pollution. The salinity is markedly lower than that of the sample taken in July 1968 and is much closer to that of the sample taken in July, 1967. The remainder of the analysis is similar to that of previous samples. In our opinion this water is suitable for drinking and general purposes.

for Lincolne Sutton & Wood Limited

(sgd.) E.C. Wood.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

There has been little material change in the methods of collection and the disposal of refuse. The pulveriser has given good service.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work on the sewage disposal plant was carried on during the year and, at the time of writing the works are completed and operating and providing a satisfactory effluent.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Section 47 - No action required.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

Premises where treatment were carried out:-

Dwellinghouses - 76
Other Premises - 17

FOOD PREMISES

Number of Food Premises by type of business

Grocers	12	Ice Cream	12
Dairies	2	Butchers	2
Licensed Premises	17	Fried and Wet Fish	2
Bakers	1	Greengrocers	5
Sweets other than grocers	4	Cafes	3

Number of Food Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955

Ice Cream Dealer	13	Sausage Manufacturers	2
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No. of inspection of Registered Premises	40
No. found unsatisfactory	3
No. rendered satisfactory	3

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959
Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	12	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	19	-	-	-
Totals	34	5	-	-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects where found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act not including offences relating to Out-Work	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-

